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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/01/06

SPONSOR Marquardt LAST UPDATED _____ HB 480

SHORT TITLE INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$113.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

Aging and Long Term Services Department (ALRSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 480 appropriates \$113 thousand from the general fund to the Vocation Rehabilitation Division of the Public Education Department for the purpose of providing independent living services in Lincoln and Otero counties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$113 thousand this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Independent living is a non-medical model of services that enables people with disabilities to achieve the highest level of self-sufficiency and control over their own lives. Centers for

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Independent Living in New Mexico have a potential client base of approximately 300,000 adults. 25% of adults surveyed in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Surveys of 1998-2000 identified themselves as having disabilities (Department of Health Office of Disability and Health “Disability in New Mexico Report, 2001”).

The DVR annual report notes independent living services are provided by centers for independent living in Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Farmington and Roswell and offices in Alamogordo, Las Vegas, Gallup and Socorro. Ninety-five percent of the state’s population lives in the service area of the Centers for Independent Living.

There is a service and advocacy independent living office in Alamogordo for Lincoln and Otero counties. There are no living facilities, however. The office has four employees.

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